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AVAILABILITY OF UPDATED COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES AND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR THE INTERIM FINAL RULE, "CONTROL OF LISTERIA MONOCYTOGENES IN READY-TO-EAT PRODUCTS"

This notice announces the availability of an update of the Compliance Guidelines and the Questions and Answers (Q's and A's) for the interim final rule, "Control of *Listeria monocytogenes* in Ready-to-Eat Meat and Poultry Products." Also, the Technical Service Center will make available an Information Knowledge Exchange (IKE) scenario addressing how inspection program personnel are to respond to a positive result from a food contact surface sample and how to verify the establishment's corrective actions.

This notice does not issue any verification procedures to FSIS personnel.

The Q&A documents are available on the FSIS web site at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FSISDirectives/10240.4/resource_3.pdf.

The Compliance Guidelines are available on the FSIS web site at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FRPubs/97-013F/LM_Rule_Compliance_Guidelines_2004.pdf.

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